

REMARKS

Claim 1 is amended by incorporating the subject matter of claim 11 and claim 11 is canceled. No new matter is presented.

Claim 11 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1, 6-10 and 12-16 are again rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Katoh et al

As stated above, claim 1 is amended by incorporating the subject matter of claim 11 which is indicating as being allowable. Thus, claim 1 as amended and the claims dependent thereon are patentable for at least this reason.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the claim objection and rejection are respectfully requested.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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